There is one project in Andhra Pradesh, namely Kakinada-Pithapuram New Broad Gauge rail line where requisite clearances have not been received for which necessary action has been initiated. However, there are a number of ongoing projects under implementation in the State which are being proposed as per availability of resources. A number of initiatives have been taken to generate additional resources to expedite completion of ongoing projects in a time frame of about five years.

Additional Financial Assistance to Andhra Pradesh for rail line

3161. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railways had sanctioned a railway line from Peddapally-Karimnagar-Nizamabad in 1993-94;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the implementation schedule of the project;

(d) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has sought additional financial assistance for this project; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Peddapalli-Karimnagar-Nizamabad new line (177 km.) was included in the Budget 1993-94. Peddapalli Karimnagar (35.53 km) has been completed and commissioned. Karimnagar-Jagityal (48 km.) is targeted for completion during 2006-07.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Andhra Pradesh Government had requested for the provision of Rs. 50 crore during 2006-07 for this project.

Doubling of Surat-Bhusawal rail line

3162. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Surat-Bhusawal section of the Western Railway has been included in planning for providing double lines;

(b) if so, what are the details of the planning; and

(c) by when the project is likely to be completed?